

## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1, 4 and 8-9 as follows:

### Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A recording system for recording and/or reserving a program, comprising:

means for accepting a request to record and/or reserve a program;

storage means for recording [[a]] the program;

connection means for connecting with an external device;

determination means for determining whether it is possible to record [[a]] the program requested to be recorded and/or reserved;

means for issuing a recording substitution request to an external device for recording the program via said connection means in response to a negative result of said determination; and

user information management means for storing user information about each requesting origin,

wherein a recording substitution means obtains advertising information appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin via said connection means and one of (a) inserts [[inserting]] said advertising information in a recorded program stored in the storage means in addition to original commercial information included in the recorded program [[or]] and (b) [[substituted]] substitutes said advertising information for the original commercial information included in the recorded program.

2. (Previously Presented) The recording system according to claim 1, wherein said determination means generates a negative result when a remaining capacity of said storage means is not sufficient for recording a program requested to be recorded and/or reserved.

3. (Previously Presented) The recording system according to claim 1, wherein said determination means generates a negative result when a failure in said system prevents a program from being recorded in said storage means.

4. (Currently Amended) A recording substitution system for substitutionally recording a program, comprising:

connection means for connecting with an external device;

means for receiving a program;

storage means for recording ~~[[a]]~~ the program;

recording substitution means for responding to reception of a recording substitution request via said connection means and receiving and recording a corresponding program in said storage means; and

user information management means for storing user information about each requesting origin,

wherein said recording substitution means obtains advertising information appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin via said connection means and one of (a) inserts ~~[[inserting]]~~ said advertising information in a recorded program stored in the storage

means in addition to original commercial information included in the recorded program [[or]]  
and (b) [[substituted]] substitutes said advertising information for the original commercial  
information included in the recorded program.

5. (Previously Presented) The recording substitution system according to  
claim 4, wherein said recording substitution means can receive recording substitution requests  
from a plurality of external devices and records a program corresponding to a requesting origin.

6. (Previously Presented) The recording substitution system according to  
claim 4 further comprising user information management means for storing user information  
about each requesting origin, wherein said recording substitution means records a program in a  
format appropriate for a user attribute of the requesting origin.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A recording system for recording and/or reserving a  
program, comprising:

a request accepting portion configured to accept a request to record and/or reserve  
a program;

a storage portion configured to record a program;

a connection portion configured to connect with an external device;

a determination portion configured to determine whether [[it is possible]] the storage portion contains sufficient space to record a program requested to be recorded and/or reserved; and

an issue portion configured to issue a recording substitution request to the external device via the connection portion automatically in response to negative result from the determination portion.

9. (Currently Amended) A recording substitution system for substitutionally recording a program, comprising:

~~a request accepting portion configured to accept a request to record and/or reserve a program;~~ receiving portion configured to receive a program;

a storage portion configured to record a program;

a connection portion configured to connect with an external device; and

~~a determination portion configured to determine whether it is possible to record a program requested to be recorded and/or reserved; and~~

~~an issue portion configured to issue a recording substitution request to the external device via the connection portion automatically in response to negative result from the determination portion~~ recording substitution portion configured to (a) respond to reception of recording substitution request from said connection portion, (b) receive and record a corresponding program in said storage portion, and (c) one of (1) replace advertising content with new advertising content and (2) insert additional advertising content into the recorded program in the storage portion.